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1. All personnel records required for the reactivation of an Austrian Army are available in Pension Department "A" of the Austrian Finance Ministry. Chief of this department is Dr. Emil LIEBITZKY, "Wirklicher Hofrat", formerly an Austrian colonel in the general staff (after 1945 promoted to general as a reward) and Austrian Military Attaché in ROME. A certain KRIST is also with the same department. He is a former signal officer, became general staff officer and also served with the German Army. His military rank is not known.
2. There are two plans for the organization of the new Austrian Army: a plan of the Austrian People's Party which was presumably worked out by Hofrat LIEBITZKY, and a plan of the Socialist Party of Austria worked out by Police Lt. Col Ferdinand LIENHART, secretary of Minister HELMER.
  - a. The draft of the Austrian People's Party suggests an army based on universal military training. Nothing is yet known about the planned top staff organization. The problem of whether the Minister of National Defense will be the supreme military authority has not yet been solved.
  - b. The draft of the Socialist Party of Austria is based on the idea of a militia. The permanent army is to consist of only two divisions, one a field division, the other a mountain division. There are to be only three hundred regular officers. According to the Socialist plan, the Austrian Army will be democratized as far as possible.
  - c. Preliminary discussions on the two plans by Hofrat Dr. LIEBITZKY and Dr. Julius DEUTSCH, representative of the Socialist Party of Austria, (former State Secretary of Army Affairs during the First Austrian Republic and a "General" with the "red" army in the Spanish Civil War), are said to have been without result.
3. General MOELLER, who, in addition to others, is a candidate for commander of the Austrian Air Force, was asked by Hofrat Dr. LIEBITZKY to draft an organizational plan for the Austrian

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Air Force on the basis of a personnel of five thousand men as provided by the restrictions originally laid down. It is expected that the State Treaty will increase the strength of the Air Force to seven thousand.

4. LOEWENH ordered some former officers to work out a military service law. Two of these officers are known. They are BAUMGARTEN (INNSBRUCK), a rightist former colonel in the general staff, about 47 years of age, and MITLACHER, a former lieutenant colonel in the general staff, at present an official in the Austrian Property Ministry, who is also a rightist.

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